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For: TILT ADJUSTING TYPE STEERING
APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, Applicant(s) hereby elect Species 1 (Figures 1-5) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-22 are believed to be readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

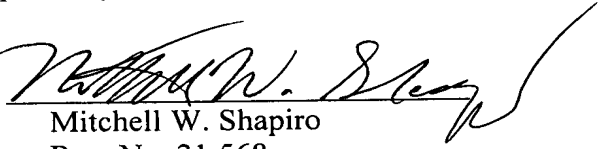
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T3058-908609) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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